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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. ENDO et al
Serial No. : 10/086,152
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Art Unit : 2872
Examiner : Thong Q. Nguyen

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
January 5, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
April 5, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-7, 9, 13
and 14 are canceled; claims 8 and 10-12 are amended; and
claims 15 and 16 are added.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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